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The transfer of this prisoner from Fortress Monroe to Richmond and from the custody of the military to that of the civil authorities, is the occasion of much excitement and newspaper gossip. The devoted fan of his trial, which has been urged by many who are most bitterly opposed to his opinions and acts, is but a demand of justice; but the display of admiration and personal sympathy is an indication of a slight esteem for our government and a slight appreciation of the criminality of the treason of which he was the leader in a desperate attempt to overturn that government.

All great State criminals have their party of sympathizers and admirers. Burr, the only really distinguished State prisoner who has ever been tried in this country, had a host of admirers who were ready to load him with honors.

Davis has as many, who apparently forget that he is on trial for the greatest crime known to the law, the gravity of which is the severest that law can inflict. Were the criminal an obscure man and his offense a violation of law on a small scale, he could scarcely expect a plenify to be entered in his behalf. The men who were most zealous for the hanging of the rescuers of the runaway slave, Jerry, from the hands of a United States Marshal, are the men who think it would be a fitting stigma upon the administration of law to punish with like severity the man who set aside the entire authority of the government and, establishing himself at the head of an usurped government, waged war with huge armies at his command for the purpose of maintaining the power thus seized. Many now prefer that, instead of being tried for his life, he should be the executive of such government as would have been instituted had his rebellion been a success.

The sympathy for renowned criminals is a most evil poison. The truth is, that the greater the criminal, the greater the crime. There are few who believe Davis will receive the punishment his crimes deserve. A conviction, even, is scarcely possible in Richmond; but, should it occur, he will doubtless be screened by the President's interference and for the foulst treason the world ever witnessed there will be no punishment and no example to warn against like acts in the future.

Mr. Davis was yesterday taken into court by Gen. Butler and arraigned to the civil power in accordance with the writ of *habeas corpus*. Judge Underwood signified his willingness to admit the prisoner to bail in one hundred thousand dollars, a part of the sureties to be residents of Virginia. Foster, editor of Richmond subscriber, the bell-horn and the Judge ordered the prisoner to be discharged, whereupon a dispatch says:

"The well known rebel yell, which our boys in blue used to hear on bloody fields, resounded through the Court, and the grave lawyers apalled by the rest. Mr. Davis was then taken into his Islands through the crowd from the Court, and as he descended the stairs the cheering was taken up by the assembled crowd, while all else remained. He was received to his carriage which was drawn along Court-street to the Sponsored Hotel. Mr. Harrison who sat on a box, waved a white silk handkerchief, and there was a continuo roar of applause until Mr. Davis was again in his room in a few moments."

Here we have the beginning of the end of this magnificent force.

The Rage for Gambling.

Every person who watches the varying aspects of American society must have observed that gambling is rapidly on the increase. The stimulus given to speculation by the inflation of the currency during the war fed the appetite for gain to such a degree and opened as many avenues for its irregular accumulation, that speculation has become gambling in many branches of what was formerly legitimate business. Men who could have scorned to seat themselves at the gaming-table have become gamblers in stocks, in gold, in silver, in oil, and the spirit of "speculation" has become rife in all places, making the fortunes of the few but blasting for all time the expectations of the many who have unwisely permitted themselves to be swept into the current.

Gambling in the recklessness of horses is a favorite form of this vice, and racing has become an established institution of agricultural associations and of some wealthy men who are able to establish "parks" for themselves and such favored owners of fast horses as they choose to admit to their circle.

The New York Citizen, edited by Miles O'Reilly, has a timely article on this subject in connection with the anticipated opening of Jerome Park for the season's amusement. The editor says:

"We shall see merchants, and bankers, and brokers, and lawyers—men who would dismiss any clerk when they so much as suspected of ever having played one game of cards—openly bet large sums of money on 'events in the flesh,' contrasted with which the 'events' of the last shall be regarded as anticlimax. We shall see not only men betting money on this species of gambling, but women also, and not the above-mentioned of their sex, but ladies of excellent position."

And who does not know that the question to gambling, given by "events on the turf," is soon carried much further—carried into private life and too far from horses at the Jerome Park to cards in the library and at the club! Who that loves anything of New York society does not know that the vice of gambling is everywhere and rapidly on the increase, and that its sudden growth has been accelerated fifty fold since the establishment under favorable auspices of these Jerome Park races? Ask many an anxious wife to-day, and she will con-

clude that the vice is being driven into her son from this cause; and she will regret the weakness which first induced her to bear her husband company at the gambling carnival."

The fact is cited that while England is deplored and endeavoring to shake off the annual curse of the Derby and Epsom races, a permanent "Derby" is in process of establishment near New York; and, as an illustration of the results that may be anticipated, reference is made to the Duke of Hamilton who, in less than two years, has been reduced by this "horror gambling," from an income of half a million dollars a year to absolute beggary, "dependent for subs upon the sharper and swindlers who have won his money."

We agree with the writer that the talk about improving in this way the breed of American horses is the worst "twaddle that is twaddled in this twadding age"; and that the pulpit and the press ought to speak in the most explicit terms in exposing this vice and the ruin which it threatens to the morals of the community and to the purse of those who enter this race for fortune.

INDIAN HOSTILITIES.—Intelligence from Council Bluff, by way of Chicago says, April 11th, that the steamer *La Claire* passed down the river that day, bringing the news of the destruction of the steamer *Minor* by the Indians, about 100 miles above Sioux City. The boat landed to take wood, and while the crew were chopping, the Indians, to the number of about 200, surrounded and massacred the whole party and captured the boat, killing and sparing men, women and children indiscriminately. Only two men escaped. After pillaging the boat of all the valuables, they burned it to the water's edge.

General Sherman met Gen. Hancock at Leavenworth, and they were to start together, yesterday, for Fort Harker to have a "talk" with the Kiowas, Comanches, Cheyennes and Arapahoes, represented by their respective chiefs.

A special despatch from Omaha to the Daily Kepton of Little Compton, killed 200 Indians in less than an hour and a half on Tuesday, off Witten's Point. Mr. Kepton shot down many Indians, who were to the number of about 1000, surrounded and massacred the whole party and captured the boat, killing and sparing men, women and children indiscriminately. Only two men escaped. After pillaging the boat of all the valuables, they burned it to the water's edge.

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Local Intelligence.

NOTICE.

Advertisements, Notices, &c., appearing in the local column is reading matter, will be charged fifty cents per cent., reckoning by the piece accepted.

Court of Justice.—At a special meeting of this Court yesterday afternoon, James Hillian was arraigned upon a complaint and warrant for stealing a carpet from the auction-room of Francis Stanhope, No. 6 Broad Street, on Saturday last. After the carpet had been missed Mr. Stanhope, in company with Samuel J. Marsh who was the purchaser of the carpet at the auction, visited Hillian's premises on Young street, having some cause to suspect him of the theft, but he denied all knowledge of the carpet and summarily refused to have his house searched, and even "showed fight," whereupon a warrant was procured and placed in the hands of officer John H. F. Smith, who forced the missing carpet to the attic of Hillian's house under the floor, which had been recently taken up and nailed down again.

These facts being testified to before the Court, were deemed conclusive in the case, and the respondent was adjudged guilty and sentenced to imprisonment for twenty days in the County Jail, and costs.

Mr. Stanhope informs us that he has been depredated upon for the last year at his auction-sale, to the amount of some two hundred dollars, and this is the first transgressor whom he has been lucky enough to nab and bring in, and it is to be hoped that the example will be a salutary one.

At the regular semi-weekly session of this Court, this morning, Edmund Dunford, colored, was tried upon a complaint of larceny of a sheet from Capt. James A. Judson, at the Perry House. The case was proved by the testimony of the complainant and Mr. Hodges, the landlord of the Perry House, and Edward was pronounced guilty and sentenced to twenty days in the County Jail, and to pay all costs.

City Solicitor Peckham, for State; David Fales for respondent.

Louis Hosland, a young colored girl, was arraigned upon a complaint for larceny of cotton cloth from the house of Mr. Silas E. Wood. She was pronounced guilty and sentenced to ten days in the County Jail without costs.

Lonisa had been engaged as a domestic in the family of Mr. Wood, but had been there only two days when her light fingered proclivities caused the engagement with the criminal prosecution above stated. Verily, it would seem that a portion of our colored residents are in need of a little wholesome prison discipline, which they are to have way to receive.

Newport Bible Society.—The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Newport Bible Society was held last evening at the Marlboro' Street Methodist Episcopal Church. In the absence of the President, L. D. Davis was chosen Chairman, Rev. Dr. Boardman and Rev. C. H. Malone conducted the devotional services.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Deacon Guild, the Secretary, then read his report which was a very able and interesting document, and elicited considerable discussion.

Samuel Engs, Esq., presented the Treasurer's report which was also accepted. Both these documents will be published and circulated among the patrons of the society. We will not attempt, therefore, even an abstract of their contents.

Remarks were made by Revs. Dr. Boardman, D. A. Wheeler, M. J. Tolson and C. H. Malone, and by George Bowen, Samuel Engs, J. H. Cozzens, Benj. Mumford and others.

It was voted to hold a public meeting in one of the Churches on some Sabbath evening to listen to addresses, &c.

The following officers were then elected for the following year:

President—Wm. C. Cozzens.

Vice-President—Wm. M. Engs.

Secretary—Deacon William Guild.

Treasurer—Samuel Engs.

Executive Committee—Geo. Bowen, John H. Cozzens, John T. Bush, J. H. Allan, T. M. Sabine, S. S. Abro, Alexis Slocum, A. Hilliard, Samuel Allen.

The meeting, which was far more than usually interesting, then adjourned.

Free Public Library.—The managers of the Free Library have not yet realized all they have asked and hoped for from the public. Their public appeal has not been fully answered. In the circular issued some time since, they state their belief that the service now rendered by the institution might be doubled at once and afterward indefinitely increased could they secure more spacious and centrally located accommodations, a larger supply of books and a regular income to meet current expenses.

The usefulness of such an institution to this community cannot be questioned. What has already been done and secured for this library and reading room is evidence of the demand for it. It deserves the confidence and countenance of all who are interested in the substantial and permanent improvement of the moral and intellectual character of our people.

A catalog of the library is in course of publication, which will show that it has received a considerable degree of favor from benevolent individuals who have placed upon its shelves a very respectable number of volumes. All its income, thus far, has been derived from private benefactions both for the purchase of books and the payment of current expenses. In due time, it should become a participant in municipal bounty as it is worthy to do.

The boy of Mr. Ebenezer Sherman, who has been for some years in the Butler Hospital for the insane, was brought here yesterday for treatment, under the charge of Mr. Sylvester R. Hazard, Overseer of the Poor.

The deceased was son of Mr. John R. Sherman who was at one time Dealer of the Newport Bank, and who was also insane and an inmate of the Asylum, several years previous to his death.

The U. S. Distric Court met this morning at the State House, Judge Bullock presiding. This is the regular May term of the Court, but there was no business proper at that term. A case which had been tried in Providence, before Judge Bullock, of cross libel between the schooners M. R. Carlisle and the James Parker, Jr., was adjourned here from Providence, yesterday, for bearing the arguments of counsel in the cases. The two vessels collided in Fisher's Sound, in October, and both received damages, and each brought suit against the other, and the arguments were heard yesterday. With this was going on, another difficulty occurred in First Street, but it was quelled by persuasion of a colored juryman.

After hearing the arguments of counsel, the Court adjourned.

Minuteman.—The annual election of officers of the Minuteman Rifles took place last evening, as follows:

Captain—W. K. Dolan.

1st Lieutenant—James B. Colwell.

2d Lieutenant—John Carroll.

This company now numbers 127 members, and stands as a Battalion.

We learn that the annual May training of this Company takes place the 22d of this month.

Thunder Storm.—A heavy tempest of thunder and lightning occurred about midnight, last night. We trust it will be the harbinger of more agreeable weather than we have experienced thus far this month.

Accident.—Mr. Thomas Marshall, who is employed in the boiler shop on Washington Street, had the fore finger of his right hand caught in the engine of the establishment, on Saturday last, and so much injured that Dr. Dunn, who was called, deemed amputation necessary and performed the operation.

The Ledger for May 26 is containing the fifth and sixth chapters of Norwood by Rev. H. W. Beecher. Those are written in Mr. Beecher's own style; the authorship cannot be mistaken by any one who is accustomed to read his works and these chapters give promise of an excellent entertainment story. Some of the scenes are strikingly like-like and the descriptions full-bodied and natural.

Congression.—Mr. James T. Potter writes to inform us that he was not present at the occurrence of the accident reported in our columns, yesterday.

Col. T. W. Higginson addressed the confederation of the Southern lands and their attachment to the freedom in a speech at the anti-slavery convention in New York Thursday night. He expressed some doubt as to how the negroes will vote, and said, "We hear it said there is no such thing as a traitor among the blacks at the South. I wish I had never seen one. Do you suppose that black men are born into the world such natural friends that none of the slaves of the white men are found among them? Besides there is the tendency among the negroes to division and division and infinite subdivision into parties and organizations. We know how it has been even at the North among associations of colored men.

There is not a colored man here who does not know how many organizations of colored men were first broken in here, quarters, and little bits so infinitesimal that there was no counting or measuring them. I saw that same tendency to mutual distrust among the colored people of the South. Then there is their ignorance. I remember a literary organization in the regent, which went to pieces because the president sent in his resignation, and the Secretary being absent there was no one there with enough intelligence to know what 'resignation' meant, and concluded that it meant something dreadful and so dissolved and disbanded.

New Publications.

The Soldier's Friend is published in English and German at No. 12 Center Street, New York, Wm. O' and Browne, Editor. It is replete with information relative to the defenders of the country in the late war, and contains much that they would like to see. Its columns are partly occupied by communications from soldiers, some of them from left hand writers, and giving details of sufferings of the heroes Monthly: Fifty cents a year with inducements for agents and clubs.

The American Citizen is devoted to fruit culture and to the development of New Jersey soil lands. It contains many hints adapted to all soil growing Districts.

The Companion of Tachygraphy is an account of a system of phonetic short hand, designed to supersede Pitman's Phonography, by D. P. Lyle, Ossbridge, Mass. The pamphlet gives a full description of the system and directions for its study. Published by Otis Clapp, 3 Beacon Street, Boston.

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